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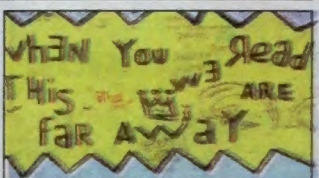
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Heart to heart

Twenty-five years ago Fred Chapple discovered how fragile the heart can be.

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Home sweet home

Minden teen says being far from home makes home more special.

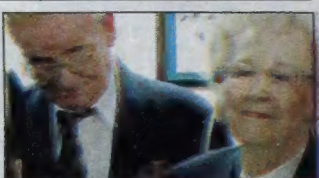
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Male voices

The Highlands Male Chorus is rehearsing for this Sunday's concert.

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Legion has heart

Thanks to community's help, Kinmount Legion can buy an ECG monitor.

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"It's not fair to say you can't smoke in the last few years of your life."

MPP Laurie Scott on how smoking ban affects long-term care residents, page 15

Bingo faces another smoking battle

Allowing smoking shelters at casinos is 'hypocritical'

by JESSICA YOUNG
 Times Staff

Smokers were told to butt out and step outside after the Smoke Free Ontario Act was passed last June. Restaurants, bars, casinos and bingo halls all lost business when no smoking was allowed any indoor public area.

Many people who have lost out because of the recent ban now have reason to fume once again. Recently the Liberal government, which introduced the smoking ban, allowed government-owned casinos in Windsor and Niagara Falls to put up outdoor smoking shelters, which some are arguing is a hypocritical act.

Conservative MPP Laurie Scott says that the direction the Liberals are taking with smoking regulations is two-faced.

"The government owns casinos but outdoor shelters are not available for privately-owned restaurants. They say a casino's primary function is gambling but they are still competing with restaurants. It's unfair."

Scott is well aware of the hard hit local bingo halls around the Haliburton area took since the ban, and says that the allowance of such outside smoking shelters gives casinos a leg up on bingo halls.

Previous to the province-wide ban, each municipality dictated its own smoking regulations. However, when the municipal

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Casey Lessard/TIMES

Bowling for gossip

At 85, Mary McCutcheon shows no signs of stopping her weekly attendance at the Minden Hills Lanes bowling alley's Thursday seniors' league. "I've been coming here since the day they opened this bowling alley," McCutcheon said. "It gets me out of the house. I don't care if I'm good or bad. It's also where I get all the gossip." More photos and results are on page 11.

Exercise takes chill out of winter

If you don't like the cold, there are indoor alternatives

by JESSICA YOUNG
 Times Staff

piled high and the howling wind is no invitation to step outdoors. However, in the beautifully

forested area of Minden, the winter scenery is something we all see BEING page 12

Ask people why they exercise regularly and many will say it benefits their overall health, makes them feel more energetic, and provides confidence.

Now ask those who don't work out what their reasoning is, and you'll get every excuse in the book. "I'm too tired after work." "The weather is bad." "I can't afford an expensive gym membership or at-home equipment." "I'm too busy." The list is never-ending.

Procrastination and outright avoidance is common for those who dread Health Canada's Physical Activity Guide. It recommends 30 to 60 minutes of exercise a day.

We're at the start of the coldest month of the year. The snow is



Jessica Young/TIMES

Pearl Cowen leads the pack with Maxine Snell and Sue Sisson (back), making the rounds with Morris Duff, organizer of the weekday walking program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. It is one of the many indoor activities available to Minden residents.

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Kinmount Legion has heart

Branch 411 of the Royal Canadian Legion presented a \$6,236.58 cheque to the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation for medical equipment. The money was raised through various events and will be spent on an ECG monitor and other helpful equipment. Back Row: From left, John Deak, branch 441 president, Kid Wilkes, chair of Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation with board members Jean Anderson and John Huke, Dave Warren, vice-chair, Arthur Owens, veteran and Legion member, Dr. Elena Mihiu, Bernice Owens, Legion secretary, and George Berry, Legion vice president. Front Row: From left, Linda McGillvray, Joyce Brown, Roni Brelsford, all board members with Sandra Butler, physiotherapist, Joanne MacDonald, board member, Nelly Gluck and Melissa Henderson, medical secretaries, Matt Dunn, board member, and Dr. Zsuzsanna Kaszas.



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Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007

9am to 3pm

Registration 8-10 am

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Old Mill Road

\$10.00 Registration Fee

- Participants must have valid fishing license
- Ministry Regulations apply (slot sizing)
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- Food & refreshments will be available
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Proceeds from event will be donated to the Stanhope Firefighter's Emergency Boat Fund in memory of R.C. Baker.

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5 PM. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

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Saturday, February 10th

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At the "Old Station" - 9:30 am

Lions Club Indoor Skating - 7 pm to 9 pm

North Hastings Community Centre

Saturday, February 17th

7:00 - 10:00 am.....Pancake Breakfast

8:30 amMid-distance Musher's Meeting

10:00 amMid-distance Race Begins

10:00 amBroomball Tournament

10:00 am - 4:00 pm...Craft Show & Toonie Sale

11:00 am - 1:30pm ...Lunch

11:30 amSprint Race Musher's Meeting

12:30 pmSprint Races Begin

4:00 pm (approx.)Kidd & Mutt Race Begins

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm ...Dinner

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Fred Chapple has reason to celebrate Heart Month

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

February is the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Heart Month and Carnarvon resident Fred Chapple is one of the people who has cause to celebrate.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of his bypass surgery.

It was an early morning in late November 1980 on the downtown streets of Toronto when Chapple first realized something terrible was happening to him.

"I was walking to the bus stop when I felt a sudden stinging around my chest and dull ache down my left arm. I was aware of the warning signs. I stopped in my tracks and said a bad swear word."

Chapple sat down on the curb and tried to compose himself. The tightening around his chest subsided and soon after the ache in his arm stopped.

"I slowly walked another half block and bang, it hit me again, so I went back to the curb. I sat there for about 10 minutes. I'm sure people passing me were wondering, 'What the hell was this guy doing sitting on a curb at 6 a.m.?'"

Chapple did make it to the bus that day but took it easy for the next five months. He knew not to exert himself after his angina attack. But it took him a year to call a doctor to talk about what had happened.

After being referred to Dr. Monmohansing, a cardiologist in Lindsay, he was given a multitude of tests including a thallium stress test. This test allowed his specialist to see if there was blockage in Chapple's heart chambers.

"Those tests indicated that there was a blockage and I was sent to see a doctor at the St. Michael's Hospital. The doctor said I was a candidate for a new treatment at the time called angioplasty."

The doctor said there were two issues Chapple had to deal with in order to remain healthy: his smoking and weight.

"The good news is that I quit smoking that day. He asked for my cigarettes and my lighter, and I gave them to him. But the weight, that's another story."

An angioplasty was conducted in January of 1982 and it revealed that one of his arteries was totally blocked. Although Chapple's condition seemed dire, the real estate agent was only thinking about an upcoming trip with his children to Disneyland.

The heart specialist gave him the okay to go, but told him under no circumstances could he exert himself. The doctor, whom Chapple calls his lifesaver, told him to come back to St. Michael's when he returned and to complain about chest pains. The request was off the books, and it was apparent that the doctor was pulling a few strings for Chapple to promptly get the proper help he

needed.

"If they ask who your physician is, tell them it's me and I'll take care of everything else," the doctor told Chapple.

At that time, there were two doctors who performed heart surgery on a daily basis. Each doctor performed two bypass surgeries but were always prepared for an emergency surgery should it come up.

"I checked into the hospital and they put me on a gurney. I told them about the doctor and he came down. He came up to me and said 'Fred?' and winked at me. I got the big wink so I knew everything was okay."

Chapple was handed a piece of paper that outlined the surgery's details. At that time, the failure rate for bypass surgery was 10 per cent.

"I had two things going for me: I was in reasonably good shape and I was only 42."

Twenty-five years have past since his operation but not a day goes by that he isn't thankful for his doctor who made sure he was able to have the surgery he so desperately needed.

"He pulled tricks to get me into surgery quickly. I hope I got another 25 years in me."

His weight is something he deals with every day; however, he has never smoked since the doctor took away his cigarettes. He follows a strict exercise regimen and eats properly.

"The doctors indicated I was a lucky guy. I ended up with a single bypass and nature took care of some of the bypass' natural healing. Some of the capillaries took care of themselves. Nature healed itself. I'm lucky it happened to me."



One way for Fred Chapple to reduce stress is giving his vocal chords a good workout as a member of the Highland Male Chorus. Chapple should be singing as this year marks the 25th anniversary of his bypass surgery.



Compared to his stressful job in Toronto, Fred Chapple says life in Carnarvon is much more easy-going, which is what he needs in order to have a healthy heart.

Upping the odds for saving hearts in crisis

Minden arena joins the trend of putting defibrillators in public places

by JESSICA YOUNG
Times staff

When someone's heart is in crisis, there are eight crucial minutes after cardiac arrest that can significantly increase his or her chance of survival. What happens during those pivotal moments can mean the difference between life and death.

Quick access to a defibrillator helps put the odds in the person's favour. The machine shocks the heart with a preset voltage to regulate the heartbeat, buying time for paramedics and emergency service

workers to come to the person's aid.

In the January 17 issue of the Times, a handful of Minden recreational sports team representatives posed for the camera with the defibrillator that they recently donated to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

"We informed the township we were going to buy it and they gave us the okay. It's nice to put something back into the community that will make the arena more safe," says Lawrence Lougheed, a lob ball and 35+ hockey team member.

The Minden 50+ hockey league, 35+ hockey, and mixed lob ball league all helped to purchase the \$3,500 piece of equipment.

"Defibrillators are going in all the arenas around the province and I think it's good to have it in Minden. Its purpose in the arena is that it's for the public, not just the hock-

ey leagues," says Lougheed.

Pat Kennedy, county director of emergency services, agrees that having public access to defibrillators is an important component in keeping residents safe during times of emergency.

He praises the recreational league's proactive decision to raise funds for the Minden arena machine, but notes there is much more to be done after a defibrillator is purchased.

"There is a step-by-step program before you begin placing defibrillators in public. There should be a public CPR campaign, staff need to be trained, there are maintenance costs, and people have to know how to access the 911 emergency system."

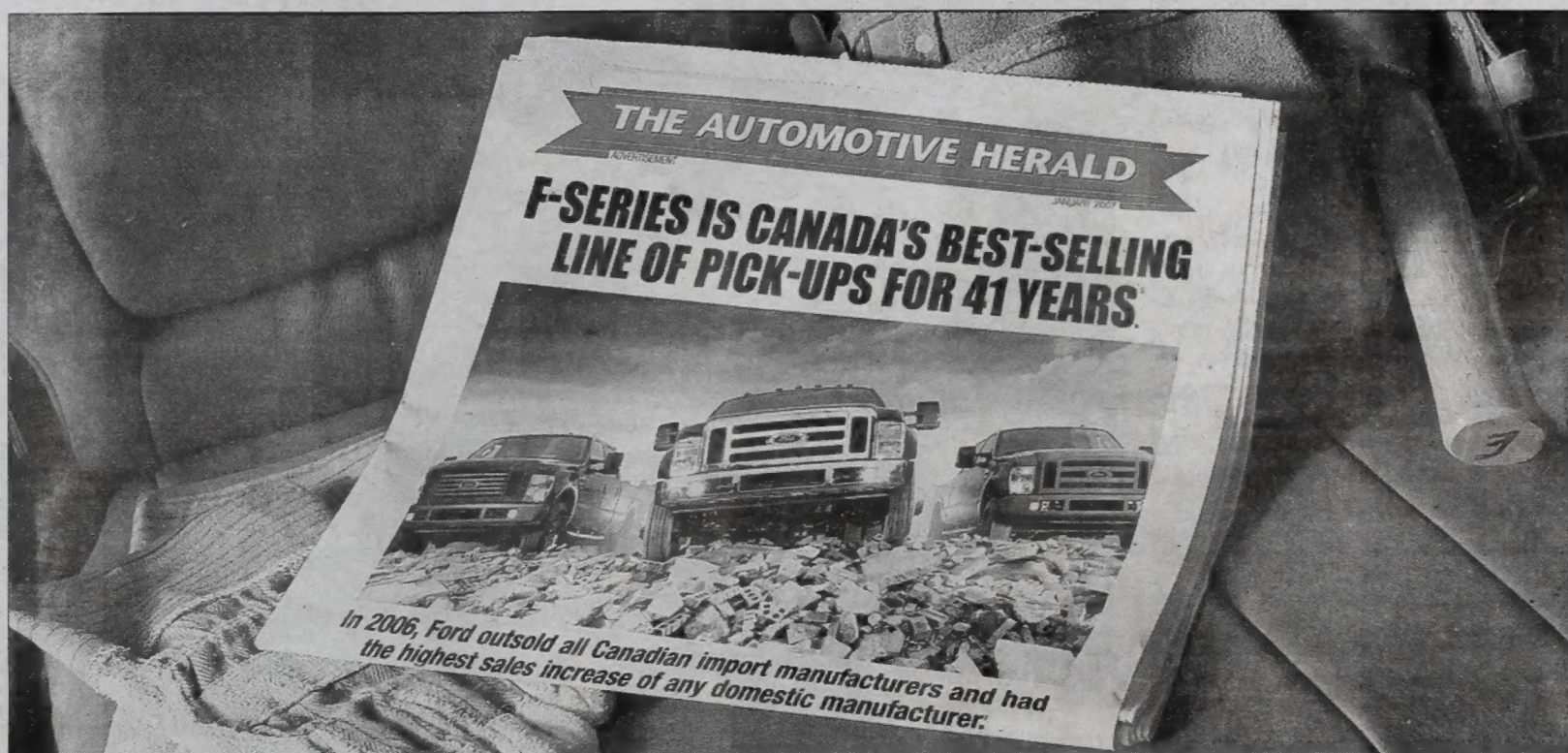
Kennedy says, "In November, my department was asked to look into public access to defibrillators. I have done a lot of

background research and talked to a variety of city representatives and organizations."

Kennedy has already given his recommendations to county council and is now waiting to hear back from respective members on how to proceed with the initiative. He expects the subject to be discussed at the February 21 council meeting.

"We are in a rural area where ambulance response times are greater. Community centres, curling clubs and arenas are logical places to put defibrillators, but staff at these places also need training," says Kennedy.

It's still unclear whether the project will be a county or municipal undertaking. Either way, Kennedy is positive that the state of the art machines will bring comfort to residents when they are out in public.



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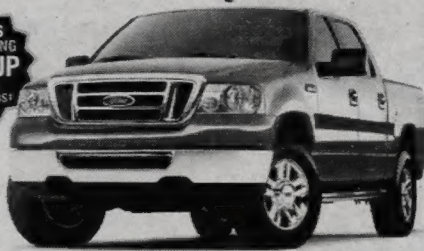
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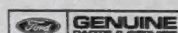
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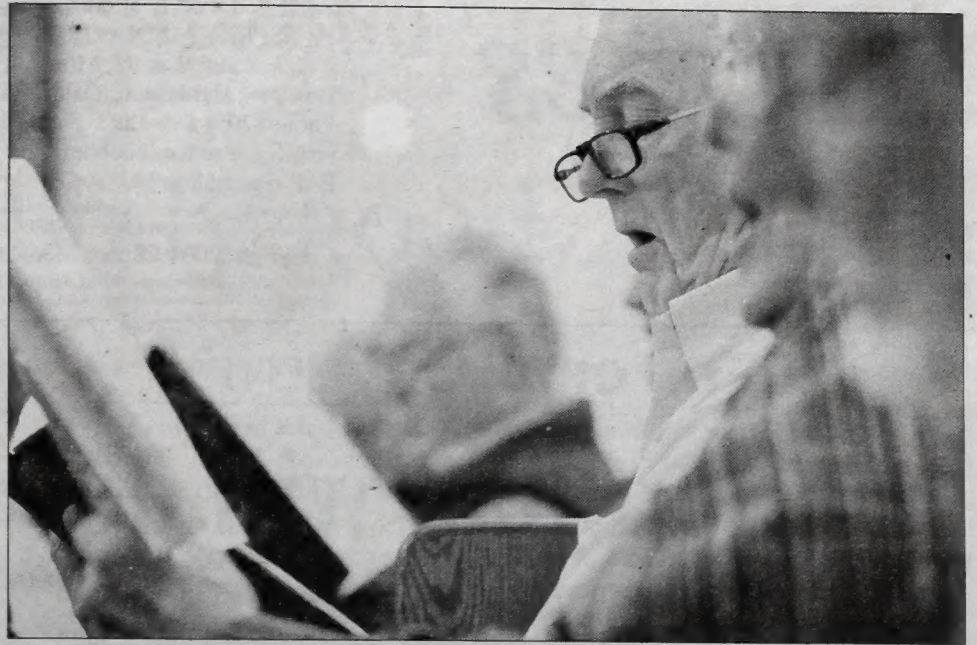
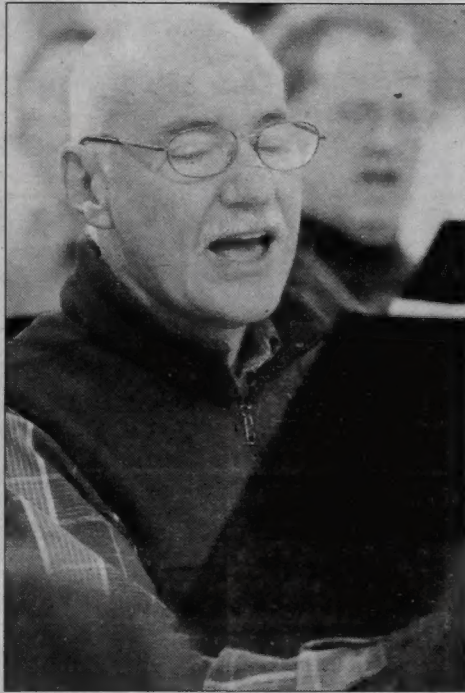
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Weather goes hot and cold

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to the Times

January had a selection of weather. The first 12 days were very mild, with no snow on the ground. There was a high of 8.5°C (47°F) on January 5. During the remainder of the month we got snow, cold days and nights and a low of -32.5°C (-26°F) on January 26th. The average temperature for January was -7.5°C and last January was -4.1°C. It was warmer but with much more snow and rain.

Average High: 2.7°C, 27.1°F
Average Low: -12.4°C, 9.6°F
Average for the Month: -7.5°C, 18.5°F
Average for last January: -4.1°C, 24.6°F
Highest Temperature, January 5: 8.5°C, 47.3°F
Lowest Temperature, January 26: -32.5°C, 26.5°F
Rain: 29.0 mm, 1.1 in.
Snow: 53.0 cm, 20 in.
Total Precipitation: 82.0 mm, 3.2 in.
Total Precipitation for last January: 107.0 mm, 4.2 in.
Days mostly Sunny: 10
Days with Rain or Snow: 15
Days with Thunderstorms: 0
Snow on Ground: January 31, 25.0 cm, 9.8 in.
Snow on Ground Last, January 31: 28.0 cm, 11 in.
Snowfall January 1 to January 31: 60cm, 23.6 in.
Days with freezing rain: 0



Reaching new notes

The Highlands Male Chorus is preparing for its Wintermission concert this Sunday at 3pm at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Melissa Stephens (above left) directs the show, with Betty Mills on piano. The performers include Hugh Hamilton (above) and Norris Turner (left). Tickets are \$15 and are available from Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton and the Minden Pharmasave.

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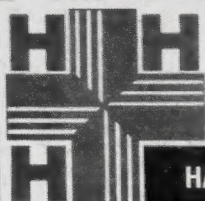
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Only a ban will do

FOR THOSE WHO FIND DALTON MCGUINITY'S moral righteousness a bit grating, his government's decision to build shelters for people who smoke at casinos is oddly delightful. How quickly his anti-smoking tune has changed now that the government is losing business at its casinos because smokers were taking their addiction elsewhere. McGuinty was deaf to the outcries of restaurant and bar owners who said they were losing money because smokers stay at home rather than go out to socialize. But have the government lose money for the same reason? Unacceptable.

That said, the province-wide smoking ban was a good idea. Smoking kills people, causing great heartache. In the process of killing people it also puts huge strains on our healthcare system. Whether it gives people breathing problems, or increases their likelihood of getting cancer, smoking is hard on the body, and our provincial budget. It's hoped that by limiting the opportunities that people have to smoke, they will smoke less. It will also prevent needless health hazards to non-smokers who have to share the same space.

When smoking bans were left up to individual municipalities, unfair situations were created. Bingo players who went to the Minden community centre couldn't smoke but those who drove to the Haliburton Legion for bingo were allowed to light up. Not surprisingly, smokers abandoned Minden altogether and the weekly games, which were an important money earner for the Lions Club, had to be cancelled because of poor attendance. When smoking was banned in Haliburton because of the new provincial legislation, the Lions Club decided to give its weekly bingo games another try. Players returned but there still aren't enough of them. Any enticement away from the local games – such as allowing smoking shelters at Casino Rama, for instance – would hurt the club's ability to raise money for the community.

But while the province-wide ban is a necessary way of giving all businesses and organizations the same benefits and challenges, if the government is to relax on its rules then casinos weren't the place to start. Giving government-owned casinos the ability to provide shelters for smokers is a crass money-grab from a government that purports to be doing things for the public good. Giving seniors in long-term care facilities the right to smoke would be more considerate. Even though residents are in "health" care facilities, and smoking is definitely bad for their health, denying them the right to smoke is a bit like denying a terminal cancer patient the right to have access to drugs that numb the pain for fear of making them addicts. It's worrying about too much too late.

There's a catch to that exemption too, however. Few people would argue that it's okay to leave the very elderly in a room alone with a burning cigarette. What about the staff person who would have to go into the smoking room at a long-term care facility? Their health would be compromised from having to work in such conditions and they have a right to turn down such working conditions. Again, the choice of the smoker has an effect on the health of a non-smoker, which is why the ban is in place.

Ironically, it's this going around in circles that illustrates why outright bans are needed. We need to do everything we can, as individuals and as a society, to discourage people from smoking. That includes bingo players and casino aficionados. Unfortunately it also means people in long-term care facilities who have smoked for decades and can't be expected to quit.

Martha Perkins

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Dabber delight

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Finding pollution solutions

To the Editor:

Re: County funding requests

In assessing the merits of funding activities that involve motorized vehicles for pleasure, please consider the worldwide efforts to fight global warming and air pollution. Great strides are made in building leaner cars and trucks and more people recognize the need to reduce their use. So why negate the benefits by using gasoline engines for pure pleasure?

If you want to be a leader, politicians should encourage activities that are in harmony with the environment. Walking, skating, skiing, snowshoeing can be great

fun and good exercise. As to the impact on business, people visiting our beautiful area for these activities will need food and accommodation and will not contribute to the deterioration of the atmosphere, which is so fundamental for a healthy life for us, our children and grandchildren. Tax money should not be used for any activity that contributes to the deterioration of our environment. Perhaps some day in the not too distant future means of propulsion will be available that do not use petroleum products. Then we can enjoy such pleasures in good conscience.

Chris and Fred Stender
RR3 Minden

Driver dodges responsibility

To the Editor:

Many thanks to the road hog with the white Dodge pickup truck who thought he was driving in England and forced us into the ditch on Newcastle Street last Wednesday.

As we are a low-income family, our children will have to go without food to pay for the tow call. You could have at least stopped!

April Gray and Bob Bailey
Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

It does the body good

I heard a statement the other day that gave me cause for concern. It said that humans are the only species of animal that drinks milk after infancy.

The person who said it was using this gem of logic as part of a larger anti-milk campaign. In fact, the person was speaking about milk like it was some form of foreign influenza.

That's it. For me, at least, the line has officially been drawn in the sand.

If we must choose between pro- or anti-milk, I am on the pro side. I was hoping it wouldn't come down to this, but a man's got to do what a man's got to do. Who would have thought that I would ever be ally of cats?

Unfortunately, I know how these anti people work. First, they start spewing out ridiculous statements and statistics about the harm done to society by whatever thing they are against this week. Next they want either an outright ban or strict governmental controls. All the while they

offer ridiculous alternatives like soy milk — which as we know is not a milk at all. Besides that, do you know how many soys are exploited in the making of this stuff?

Well, I for one am not registering my glass of milk. Nor will I stop drinking it any time soon.

In fact, if they want my glass of milk they are going to have to pry it out of my cold, healthy fingers. Call me a menace to society if you like, but I'm already on my second glass today. I might have another one at dinner with the kids. Don't worry though, we drink responsibly. We don't use funny straws to blow bubbles or even shoot it out of our nostrils. Once we start seeing white moustaches we quit. No harm done. Besides, I'd

rather have my kids drinking at home where I can keep tabs on their consumption.

I never asked to lead this fight but if I must I will. Someone has to wear the white hat. I have already prepared catchy slogans like "Oh boy-a, we won't soya!" I have others too but I don't think it's prudent to play all my cards just yet.

Think about it. Even if there was a prohibition against milk, it wouldn't work. I would have a milk still back in the woods.

There, a few good old boys and myself would sit around milking home grown cows, playing harmonica, drinking uncut whole milk from a jug with

three Xs on it. Oh, it'd be so cool. It'd be just like Copperhead Road.

Twice a week, we'd load up my van

and make a milk run into town, driving just above the speed limit and outfoxing the feds. Oh yeah, we'd probably have a woman named Dairy Duke that just hung out with us. She'd be curvy like most milk drinking women are too. She'd serve milk for us in the speakeasies because she would have these great jugs. And before I get any letters to the editor, by that I mean milk containers.

I hope this scenario won't come to pass. With any luck at all, cooler heads will prevail in this debate. The last thing society needs are nervous men using prohibited milking machines in dark, isolated places.

Right now, at least you know where your milk is coming from. But the minute its production goes underground people looking for a quick buck would start milking goats, cows, llamas, bears, moose, deer, and anything else they could latch on to.

Believe me, it would be udder mayhem.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Celsius or Fahrenheit, cold is cold

There is a shudder in the weather man's voice. It will be bitterly cold, he says. Fourteen degrees (Fahrenheit), even colder in the suburbs. Button up your overcoat.

Bitter cold on Boston's six o'clock news is plus 14F. Fourteen, or -10° Celsius, would be a day for celebration in Minden in these early days of February, a day for shorts and halter tops on Water Street.

Instead we get night after sub-zero night on the old Fahrenheit scale and the cold warms our spirits out on Sapsucker Ridge. The Brown Dog Jiggs and I glory in the best days of the best time of the year.

We walk through nights so bright with starshine and moonshine we really could read the headlines without a light. The snow on the sugar-bush road is packed and my footsteps make crunching sounds as though we were walking through cornflakes. Tree trunks pop in the dark and Jiggs gambols in the moonlight.

I have an ill-informed theory based on absolutely no scientific research that the weather adjusts itself. If weather veers far off its normal course in December, February will lurch off in the other direction to compensate and by March 21, we will be able to look back at an average winter.

It is a theory put in jeopardy by climate change, but late January and the early days of February have been compensating like mad.

The Brown Dog does his own compensating on cold mornings, dancing on three legs until a pair of gloved hands take the tingle out of a frosty paw. Only his paws get cold; so long as he keeps moving he can be outdoors forever on the coldest morning.

His master dresses for the weather. With no snowmobile suit, but thermals and two pairs

of pants, t-shirt, shirt, lumberjack shirt and parka topped by a ski mask, I am always warm but never limber.

Jiggs and I are of the Fahrenheit persuasion but the figures we find trolling John Packer's computerized weather records at the Stanhope Airport belong to the Celsius cult. We go looking for nights that dip below old zero on the old scale and find only one before January 16.

At which point we relent and jot down the metric figures and discover an end-of-January stretch in which overnight lows

fall below -20°C on 11 of 16 nights. Mornings, actually; at Stanhope and probably everywhere; the cold times are the hour or two after sunrise.

Through Tuesday morning, there have been 14 -20°C nights, which leaves us with plenty of compensating ahead of us; on average, Haliburton has 28 nights that cold each winter. For a Fahrenheit kind of guy, the line between chilly and cold is the old zero and no

daily high so far has failed to cross that line.

Cold is a Haliburton winter's most endearing

quality. In their otherwise splendid Haliburton Flora, Eleanor and Emerson Skelton announce that Haliburton weather is moderate and comfortable and the author of some other forgotten tome avers that Haliburton's weather is not much different than Toronto's.

No holder of such opinions can have spent many winters in Carnarvon. Numbers tell the story — an average winter produces 28 -20°C nights at Stanhope, 1.4 in Toronto. Average February lows are -15°C at our airport,

6.3° in the Big Smoke.

Cold days and nights pose special challenges on Sapsucker Ridge, where we live away from municipal roads and hydro lines and central heating. TV weathermen talk about throwing another log on the fire; we actually do it.

More than one log, in fact. A piece of technology that made the old Lakewood an exemplary heater for 15 winters broke and now it struggles to warm a cabin it used to be able to turn into a sauna on the coldest night.

Then there is the truck. It has to have a good battery. It has to start or sit there for the rest of winter because no tow truck will venture in a privately-maintained road, or, at least, no tow truck south of West Guilford.

Cold days shut down the generator that drives the water pump that fills the big tank in the attic, backs up the solar system and toasts the morning toast.

So our morning toast goes untoasted and electricity and water is rationed. Baths are out of the question and unwashed dishes pile up on the kitchen counter, awaiting the next warm day.

None of this bothers Jiggs. He stands on the back stoop, inhaling the morning air and then he barks at the cold.

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

To the Editor:

The following letter was first sent to Tom Scully, environmental manager for the Township of Minden Hills.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing my cheque for \$535.92 in full payment of my outstanding water and sewer account.

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This is ridiculous.

I would like to suggest that a flat rate be charged for the sewers and not be included with the water consumption taken from the meter readings.

Bylaw #06-28 states the sewer rate is \$1.80 per cubic meter, minimum \$87.50

per quarter.

Bylaw #06-27 states the water rate is \$1.50 per cubic meter, minimum \$62.50 per quarter.

My initial bill after the water meter was installed was \$369.60

(sewers - \$201.60, water \$168.00).

This was for three months, during which time the house was vacant for one month and occupied by one person the other two months.

I predict by next summer if this situa-

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Times readers write

High water bill like a splash of cold water

tion is not corrected and continues penalizing homeowners with huge sewer bills every time they turn on outside faucets, that our beautiful town of Minden will have a very pronounced shortage of lovely flower gardens and a lot of ugly, brown dried up lawns (mine included).

Trusting "the powers that be" will correct this situation,

Marian Lee
Highland Gate Blvd.,
Minden

Finding common ground in a new place

by COLIN ELLIS
Senden, Germany

I've got a new language. At first it was ridiculously hard, mostly because it's really hard to be able to find common ground to relate to someone when you don't have the words to explain who and what you are. Thankfully I've managed to pick up the language quickly. It's always such a big boost to be able to hear a, "No way you've been here just five months," or "But you had German in school right?"

I had a very little at the beginning. Mom spoke German to us as kids but by the time I'd reached 17 years and 68 days, the day I left, it had pretty much worn itself down to nothing. We haven't actually spoken it at home since, well, I don't know how long. It's hard when you're the only ones who speak it and none of the kids want to in the first place. But you don't have a choice about learning how to speak German here, none at all.

I'd recommend it to anyone – if you want to learn a language, go somewhere where they speak it. I learned more in my first three months in Germany than I did in seven years of French classes. Don't ask where my French is at the moment. I think in a foreign language now, and that's some-

how caused my (already loose) grasp on le français to become ever more tenuous. The words just come to my head in German, and I practically live out of the German-English dictionary I (thankfully) have.

German is a hard language to learn, with a lot of grammar rules that even the native speakers don't know. Four years ago or so they made new laws that basically changed, altered, added onto or got rid of words. Some people write with the new ones, some with the old, and most of them with a mix of the two. So I speak a grammatically incorrect Deutsch, which works, because no one really expects me to say things completely right, and I'm understandable.

I've made new friends. And if I were to point out one thing that was hardest, that would be it, above and beyond everything else. At the beginning (and the beginning is about the first three to four months) I didn't have anything to say, as simple as that. They speak English too, so I probably could have made myself clear in English (and I did at times) but the words somehow didn't form. Maybe it was because I was starting to think in German, or culture shock, or I don't know why. But now it's a lot better. These days I'm friends, more or

— see Will page 9



Colin Ellis displays his St. Nicklaus gifts.



Frontline Volunteers Needed

Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Service is currently seeking individuals who are interested in becoming frontline volunteers, assisting victims in a supportive role as a result of crime and/or tragic circumstances in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. We provide immediate emotional and practical support to victims, in partnership with The City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police.

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers, are 18 years of age and over, can commit to 3 X 12 hour shifts per month and successfully complete our mandatory training, please contact us at: vcars@nexicom.net or 1-800-574-4401. Husband and wife teams are most welcome. You can also complete our application on line through our website at www.victim-services.org. Please apply by February 28, 2007 to be included in our spring training.



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The deadline for entries is March 1, 2007.



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Located in Lindsay, in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Ross Memorial Hospital is an active 170-bed community general hospital serving more than 80,000 area residents. Its team of dedicated physicians, staff and volunteers is committed to ensuring compassionate quality care is provided in a caring, patient-focused environment.

Submissions are invited (**by February 16th, 2007**) from individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Hospital's Board of Governors. Elections for a two-year term appointment to the Board will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Hospital Corporation (June 2007). Criteria for appointment to the Board include residency in the City of Kawartha Lakes or Haliburton County or Brock Township. Certain other By-Law requirements apply.

Individuals interested in this voluntary service role are invited to contact:
The Board of Governors Nominating Committee
Ross Memorial Hospital
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NOTE: Candidates may also be nominated for election by members of the Corporation. Certain By-Law requirements apply.

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Will be glad to leave German rap behind

from page 8

less, with pretty much everyone, and have three people I spend most of my time with.

I'm trying new things. If you talked to me six months ago there would have been no convincing me to join any track and field team. Too much work and effort, and simply not my thing. But I just got back from track, and love it. I'm also part of a handball team, which is a bit different for me. I'm really bad, as they've all been playing for years, and I started learning the basic rules in October. I go to practice and try to learn, then become the fan club every Sunday, watching instead of playing.

I'm taking advantage of the legal drinking age of 16, and would recommend German beer to anyone. It's not famous for nothing. I've also tried a few German "specialties" and thought the cooking isn't too exotic; there have been times when I just had to grimace a little bit. I've been forced to open my ears to new music, because life in Germany is basically non-existent without techno and pop. And German rap. Although that's something I'll be VERY glad to leave behind.

Christmas was one of the newest experiences for me. The seasons starts on December with St. Nicklaus day. The children get little gifts, like chocolate, fruit, nuts, or a stuffed toy from St. Nicklaus or coal from Knecht Ruprecht for bad children. It's usually only done for the really small kids but we celebrated it here just so they could show me what it was like.

Christmas here is on a much smaller scale than back home in Canada. It's not nearly as commercialized as at home, which was a welcome break for me. It still happened a bit – the never-ending Christmas music, the ads – but somehow it wasn't as extreme as what I remember. The gift-giving is on a smaller scale too. It's one gift to immediate family mostly, and maybe something from the grandparents and godparents too.

I celebrated it here with my Aunt Elisabeth's family on December 24. I'd been living here for three months, and it



The Brandenburg Gate is considered as a symbol of Berlin and Germany

made it easier to be spending my first Christmas away from home by being with them. They were very welcoming. We went to the evening mass here in Senden at 6 p.m., and then came back to our place for Christmas dinner. We sang Christmas carols and opened our presents afterwards, and it felt good, to be wrapped up in the tradition of another country and the love of another family.

I've learned how much I love people. Absence makes the heart grow fonder. I'm not ashamed to say that I've never cried harder than the day I left my land, my family, and with it everything that was familiar to me behind. I was brought to the airport by my parents, sister Adriana, and best friend Jess. The feeling of insecurity was a big problem for me on the flight over. Did I do the right thing?

Am I missing something? I am missing people, my friends, and my family. I love them, and that's the way it has to be and should be. But without this trip I wouldn't have realized how much I really care for people. I can look back and see the fake relationships, or the less important, and distinguish them from the ones I want to keep and hold forever, or as long as forever lasts. The bad times fall away, leaving the times you want to remember floating on the surface, close enough to be reassuring, but not so close to

make me want to leave just yet.

I have found myself changing through my experiences, and coming to appreciate my hometown more and more. The small town thing is something I really appreciate now, although living in a more populated area certainly has its bright sides. Being able to go where I want, practically whenever I want, whether with bus or train, is near the top of that list. So is all the stuff to do. You've all heard it a million times from almost every teenager ever to live in Haliburton County: there's nothing to do. While not exactly true, I think it'll be hard for me to readjust to Minden after living a 15-minute bus ride away from a city of 500,000 where there's always something going on. The city is called Munster, and it's a university town, with 30 to 40 per cent students. That equals parties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

But as I'm driving my bike home, I usually pass through the woods, or what passes as a forest around here. It's probably smaller than the property owned by some of the people who are reading this, and the trees are different. You can always look almost right through, because there's practically no underbrush, and they're all deciduous. It makes me ache for my lawn, a real bush 30 metres from my front door, and a river, not a public swimming pool.

I also miss the friends I've taken time to make, the good friends. Here friendships are more insubstantial, because everyone knows they won't last forever, and I've only been here half a year anyways.

I guess what I'm trying to get at is that no matter how good I find it here, I don't think I can top Canada, my home and my family. They're the things that never leave you and, I hope, will never leave me. I hope to come back a changed person. Not a new person, but a changed one. A trip like this is once in a lifetime, and there'll be a lot more of coming home than what got on that airplane on that fateful August day.

I love you and miss you all, Colin

Colin Ellis is a Minden teenager who is spending a year studying in Germany.

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For people who have trouble bending over a rock or sweeping a broom, stick curling offers a way to enjoy the sport. The Minden Curling Club, which teaches people how to stick curl, recently held its first stick curling bonspiel.



Minden hosts mixed spiel

On January 26 and 27 the Minden Curling Club hosted its annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel.

The "A" division winners from the Uxbridge, skipped by Bram Ryu, with Joanne Shannon (vice), Paul Ionson (second) and Allie Ryu (lead), were awarded the Westside Jug City Trophy. Runners up were the local team of Bruce Fisher (skip), Melanie Vigrass (vice) Doug Brown (second) and Judith Fisher (lead).

The "B" division and Golden Stationers Trophy winners were the Minden team of Scotty Boyd (skip), Jane Boyd (vice), Bert Kennedy (second), and Fran Kennedy (lead). Runner up was another Uxbridge team skipped by Jack VanKoughnet, with Kathy VanKoughnet (vice), Ken Wood (second) and Sheree Wood (lead).

The "C" division and Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy winners was the Haliburton team of John Smillie (skip), Cheryl Smillie (vice) Case Bassie (second) and Brigitte Bassie (lead). Runners up was an Uxbridge team skipped by Jim Wood with Karen Bardecki (vice), Paul Leslie (second), and Diane Scott-Leslie (lead).

The "D" division and Coneybeare Butcher's Shop Trophy went to the Minden Curling Club team of Royce Miller (skip), Mary-Jane Irwin (vice), Larry Goreski (second) and Jean Broersma (lead).

Curlers stick it to winter

by DON PFLUG
Special to The Times

The Minden Curling Club hosted its first seniors mixed stick bonspiel with team entries from Bobcaygeon, Ennismore, Haliburton, Huntsville, Lakefield, Minden, Oakwood, Omemee, Peterborough and Woodville. The event, convened by Ted Wilkes, consisted of 14 teams of men and women competing in two eight-end games.

The winner of the first draw was the Huntsville Curling Club team of skip Bob Burrowes, vice Bill Logan, second Bruce Payne and lead Don Nickalls. The second draw winner was the team from the Omemee Curling Club skipped by Bill Morrish, vice Earl Quackenbush, second Jim Downey and lead Jack McMullen.

The Ontario Curling Association has sanctioned

stick curling as an alternative method of rock delivery and has announced a provincial championship taking place April 1 to 4.

"Stick" curling has enabled many curlers who suffer from bad backs, arthritis, hip replacements, etc., to continue to participate and enjoy the sport of curling. The rock is delivered from a standing position using the broom or a specially designed stick to deliver the rock in a similar manner to shuffleboard. As the rock is delivered, the handle is turned inward or outward to achieve a "curl" which causes the rock to curl around, and hide behind, another rock.

Stick curling is an integral part of the Minden Curling Club and is included in the free training courses for new members held several times a season.

The event was enjoyed by all and some teams said that next year they would bring additional teams from their club.

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CARNARVON BOWLING

Afternoon - January 30

Men High Average: Ken Thompson, 210

High Single: Ernie Winterburn, 277

High Single HC: Ernie Winterburn, 319

High Triple: Ernie Winterburn, 655

High Triple HC: Ernie Winterburn, 773

Women High Average: Lillian Mattsson, 176

High Single: Mabel Clendenning, 258

High Single HC: Hazel Benetin, 305

High Triple: Mabel Clendenning, 662

High Triple HC: M.C., 794

Night - January 30

Men High Average: Ken Thompson, 221

High Single: Ken Thompson, 268

High Single HC: Justin Burk, 273

High Triple: Ken Thompson, 743

High Triple HC: Ken Thompson, 755

Women High Average: Marlene Robinson, 188

High Single: Miranda Vercesi, 238

High Single HC: Miranda Vercesi, 280

High Triple: Brenda Harding, 651

High Triple HC: Brenda Harding, 771

Afternoon - January 31

Men High Average: Ken Thompson, 224

High Single: K.T., 292

High Single HC: John Pugh, 290

High Triple: K.T., 806

High Triple HC John Pugh & John Whitty tied, 732

Women High Average: Marie Thompson, 175

High Single: Marie Thompson, 224

High Single HC: Jacquie Chamberlain, 273

High Triple: Jacquie Chamberlain, 543

High Triple HC: Jacquie Chamberlain, 717

Afternoon - Feb 1

Men High Average: Ken Thompson, 219

High Single: K.T., 286

High Single HC: Merv Bunker, 276

High Triple: K.T., 790

High Triple HC: Vern Chilton, 710

Women: High Average: Josie Cheesman, 165

High Single: Marylene Welch, 202

High Single HC: Laura Carnegie, 281

High Triple: Marylene Welch, 525

High Triple HC: Marylene Welch, 723

MINDEN BOWLING

Seniors Mixed 636

- January 29

Men High Average: Bob Vankoughnet, 188

High Single: Jim Smith, 212

High Triple: Raymond Arthur, 517

High Single w/hdcp: Jim Smith, 278

High Triple w/hdcp: Raymond Arthur, 739

Women High Average: Barb Ballantyne, 152

High Single: Barb Ballantyne, 196

High Triple: Barb Ballantyne, 519

High Single w/hdcp: Barb Ballantyne, 255



The Minden Hills Lanes bowling alley has league bowling throughout the week, including the seniors' league on Thursday afternoons.

Above: Marie Johnson takes part in the league to socialize and get out of the house for the day. "It's good exercise," Johnson said.

Right: Lyn Preston loves to outscore her husband Fred, with the two often going head to head in adjacent lanes. Below: Teammates give Eleanor Lymer high-fives after scoring a spare. "When we first came to Haliburton, we didn't really know too many people. But now we have friends we go to Florida with."



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Being prepared makes going outside a lot easier

from page 1

should take advantage of. The best way to enjoy winter is to be in the heart of it, outside, and at one with nature.

If you're planning on taking walks, skiing or snowshoeing this season, here are some helpful hints to stay safe from Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, says most of her suggestions are nothing new but often are forgotten by people who plan to work out during winter.

1. Stay warm by always wearing proper clothing, especially a hat.
"Wearing a hat seems like a really simple idea but many of us forget and we lose a large portion of body heat from our head."

2. Avoid wearing cotton during snow shoeing, skiing, and walking.
"Cotton absorbs water and doesn't dry very fast. The sweat stays on the clothing."

It's better to look for synthetic fabrics like a polyester-nylon blend. Coolmax is a well-known name that provides moisture-wicking clothing."

3. Use traction devices.

"Extra traction on shoes is essential. I recommend YakTrax traction devices, which can be found at Home Hardware or drug stores. If you don't have a traction device, another way to keep steady when walking is to use one or two ski poles."

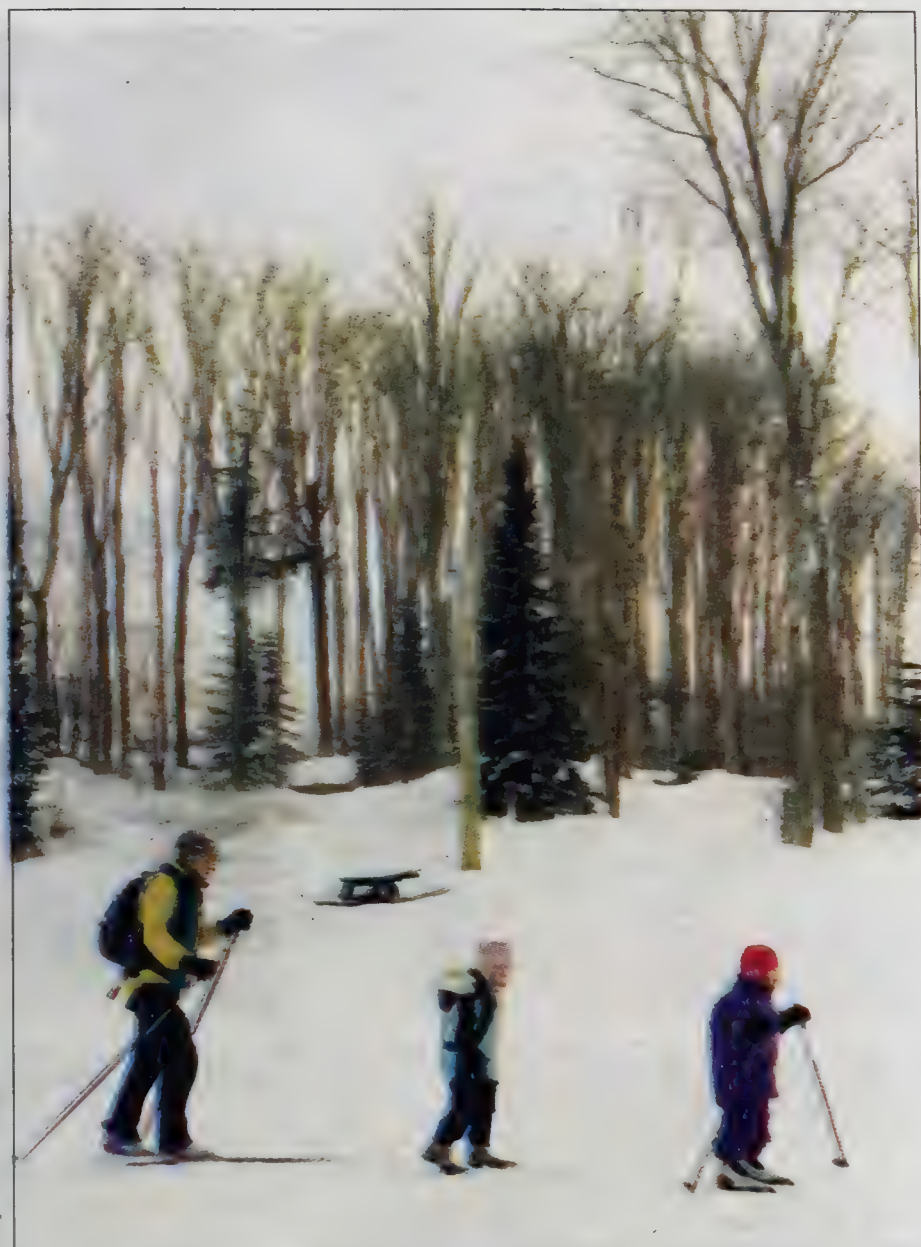
4. Prepare for slippery walking areas.

"Carry a small bag with sidewalk salt or kitty litter so when you hit a patch of ice, you can toss it on there and be able to go across safely."

5. Show your face.

"Always walk facing traffic so you can see the cars coming and you can move over if you need to."

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Casey Lessard/TIMES

Cross country skiing is a wonderful way for the entire family to get out and enjoy the snow. Lessons to introduce children to the joys of sliding across a trail are offered every Saturday at Glebe Park in Haliburton.

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Even housework can keep you healthy

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Despite the cold air, snow and ice, Shikaze says the winter is a great time to keep fit.

"I know people get intimidated by the weather but it's often sunny and bright; it's nice to get fresh air. Just because it's winter doesn't mean you can't do things outside."

Although some of us may like to brave the cold, others may find that tackling -20° weather less enticing. If that's the case, there are still little adjustments we can all make to put in some extra activity time in any climate.

"Once you get to town, park your car and walk to do your errands. If there are several places in town that you need to go to, walk to each one instead of driving. Starting and stopping your car in the winter is really hard on your vehicle anyways."

Still not an outdoors fan? There are a variety of options to keep those muscles working inside where it's nice and warm.

"There are ways to work out indoors. There are many videos and DVDs available to buy or rent. Also, household chores can serve as physical activity, like vacuuming. If you have children, turn on the music and dance in your living room."

Members of walking groups rule the halls at Archie Stouffer Elementary School weekday mornings from 7:30 to 8:15. Hyland Crest allows people to walk as well from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., just follow the foot symbols on the floor.

Morris Duff is an avid walker at ASES and says that his routine of roaming the halls has kept him healthy after his heart attack in 1989. He credits walking as the reason why he can continue to live a full lifestyle and continue to be fairly fit.

"I can't lift weights or compete in soccer or anything like that but because I walk regularly I'm capable to moving about the community. I'm on the verge of turning 80 and I think there are a lot of people my age who go downhill."

Shikaze explains that regular physical activity is important at any age, and should be incorporated into each person's daily routine.

"For older adults it is important to maintain your health. Regular physical activity improves risk of osteoporosis, type 2 Diabetes and heart disease. Exercise can act as a preventative measure. Older adults need to maintain strength and flexibility to avoid things like falls."

Physical activity is split into three categories: endurance, flexibility and strength building. Every-day activities can combine two or more of these categories, says Shikaze, such as moving firewood or shovelling



Winter carnivals operate on the principal that if you can't beat winter, you might as well join in the fun. These youngsters learned how to snowshoe at the hugely popular Dorset Snowball, which returns next weekend.

snow.

"If you feel like you've never been an active person, you can start now. You'll get health benefits through increased strength and mobility and that will give you more energy. It will prolong your independence as well."

Other indoor activities around the area include tai chi, dance classes, recreational soccer, volleyball, curling and hockey, just to name a few.

Lois Rigney hosts recreational badminton Monday nights from 8 to 10 p.m.

"I advertise badminton as something for fun, fellowship and fitness. You meet new people too," she says.

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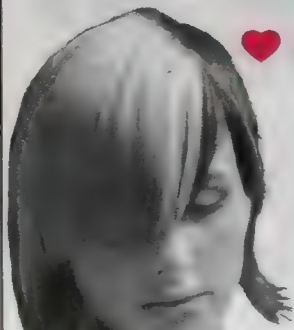
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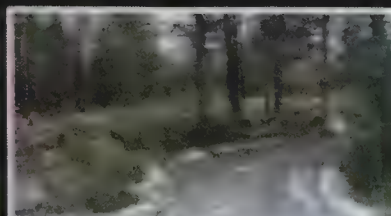
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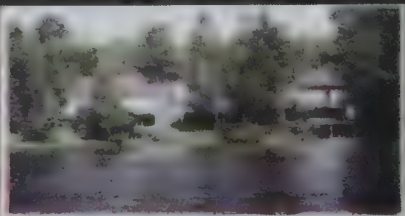
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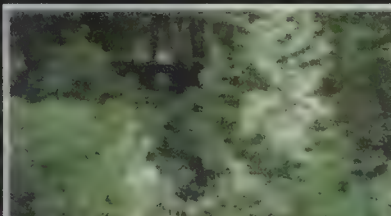
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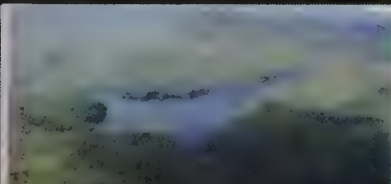
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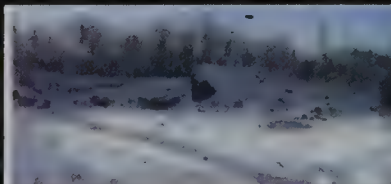
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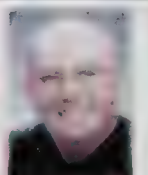
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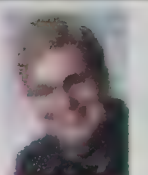
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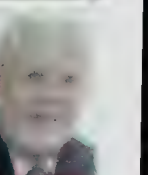
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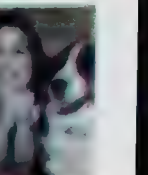
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Too many bingo players are already staying away

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bylaw prohibited smoking at the Minden community centre, the number of players hoping to yell Bingo! took a nose-dive.

"For the next 10 weeks we lost money," says Brian Moore, secretary of the Minden Lions Club.

Bingo stopped for the Minden Lions Club in August 2003. It was only this past June that the organization started to run it again. Moore says that once all municipalities were told that smoking would no longer be permitted indoors, it made things fair for those in the bingo business.

"There used to be bingos in Dysart and Lindsay [where smoking was allowed] and people would go there instead," says Moore.

Now that casinos have allowed shelters to go up, he says the decision by the Liberals may be cause for concern.

"If people are looking to spend their money in gambling and entertainment, they now have a facility that allows them to have a leg up on us. The ripple effect would hurt municipalities."

Currently the Lions Club's bingo, now held at their new hall on Bobcaygeon Road, is averaging 57 visitors during their Thursday night games.

"This is not good. We need to get ourselves around the high 60s. During the summer our numbers are better, but in the wintertime we're hit. Staunch bingo players aren't going to come out if they can sit in the comfort of their own home and smoke."

Moore isn't sure if people will make the trek to go to the casinos or not. He is a non-smoker but realizes that those who crave a cigarette may just go elsewhere.

"This might be something that entices smokers to go to the casino which could affect us negatively. I don't know how that's going to work."

During last Thursday's bingo night, several smokers braved the cold before the game began.

One woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said that she wouldn't make the trip to the casino but is still upset that she has to stand outdoors to enjoy a smoke.

"We're taxpayers too and I'm standing outside in the cold."

Fellow smoker Teresa Coement says that the weather hasn't made her less likely to go out but she dislikes the smoking ban too.

"I'd rather stay in my own house. If you want to go to bingo bad enough, you'll go. If I'm cold, I'm cold. Put smoking back where it was before."

As for Scott, she's disheartened by the fact that casinos get to draw people in with the added attraction for smokers. She believes that if casinos are permitted such approval for shelters, so should long-term care facilities.

"There should be reasonable assistance for long-term care facilities and hospitals to build provincially-governed smoking rooms. They should get assistance from the government. It's not fair to say you can't smoke in the last few years of your life."



Casey Lessard/TIMES

The Minden Lions Club is hosting bingo Thursdays at its new hall near the museum on Bobcaygeon Road. Attendance is much lower than in the summer, and when it goes up, the bingo will return to the community centre. Above: Jaimie Pettes and her mom Darlene come to try their luck. "Not so good yet," Jaimie said, "Still waiting." Below left: Frank Douglas drives from West Guilford because it gives him something to do. "In the winter, it's kind of lonely up here," he said. Below right: Sheila Woodcroft brings a lucky charm to hold her money.



Scott says the government's decision makes the Liberal stance on smoking unbalanced.

"They want casinos to get as much revenue. The non-smoking bylaws have hurt casinos too. But the decision isn't fair to privately-owned restaurants or bingos."



Moore says that even if people travel to casinos, he can't dispute the law. His organization will just have to deal with a decrease in numbers if the time comes. He just hopes that people will still continue to come out and enjoy the game.

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by ERIC LILIUS

Haliburton County Folk Society

Last summer, members of the Folk Society had the good fortune to see Corin Raymond and Sean Cotton, who call themselves The Undesirables, perform on the summer folk festival circuit. They were impressed and wanted to see more.

People have an opportunity to join us to hear this amazing duo on Saturday, February 10, at 8 p.m., at the York Street Internet Café in Haliburton. Singer Corin Raymond says he and his partner, Sean Cotton, who plays the guitar and sings, play songs they've written together over the past 14 years.

"You've never seen anything like us," Raymond says. "We deliver an evening that will defy any expectations you might have. And one of the best things about my job is that I get to say these outrageous things because they're true." Raymond goes on to say, "It's folk-theatre – it's a show, it's real entertainment, it's beautiful harmonies, a guitar player's guitar player and two guys who were born to sing together, born to write together. It's a marriage. It's till the grave and it's unstoppable. It's two guys who bring a performance ethic that has been mostly forgotten in the world of folk music. The Undesirables is about asking for an inch and giving 10 miles back. The inch is just showing up to see us. We take care of the 10 miles."

The Undesirables have been busy the last two years playing summer festivals, headlining concert series, as well as opening shows in theatres and concert venues for many top-notch acts including Prairie Oyster, Jesse Winchester, Fred Eaglesmith, The Rheostatics, and Stephen Fearing. In February 2006 they showcased (unofficially) at the Folk Alliance conference in Austin, Texas. In July of 2006 The Undesirables won The Toronto Blues Society's annual Blues Talent Search. "They have the most riveting stage presence I've seen in a long time," wrote Rachel Jagt in a review after seeing them perform in Toronto.

Tickets for the event are \$14 (\$12 for Folk Society members and students), and are on sale now. For more information on this Saturday's show, please call 457-9802.



The Undesirables play at the York Street Internet Cafe in Haliburton on February 10, at 8 p.m.

A call goes out for creativity

The village of Minden is looking forward to a banner year.

The Minden Hills Festival of Banners committee has just released its call for designs for the first-ever banner contest.

Students, artists and anyone with a colourful idea can submit a design. A limited number will be selected and the designer will be invited to create a lamppost banner that will join those to be hung throughout the community this summer.

The theme for this year's design is "Memories of Yesteryear."

The committee will provide all the materials necessary for the completion of the banners and a location where the painting can be completed.

Participants can submit as many designs as they wish,

but each maquette (design miniature) must meet specific dimensions to qualify. There is a \$5 fee for each entry, except those of students.

A certain number of banner locations have been reserved for the students' entries with the remainder reserved for the general public. Depending on participation, the Festival of Banners could see as many as 40 individually created banners displayed throughout the community.

Anyone interested in participating is invited to pick up a banner entry package at The Storeroom or The Minden Hills Cultural Centre, both located on Main Street in Minden, or by e-mail. Write culturalcentre@minden.on.ca

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Super Bowl Sunday proved to be everything we hoped for. Cheers rang out through the old farmhouse as the Indianapolis Colts, after a discouraging start, were victorious over the Chicago Bears. For some 20 years our former home town was twinned with Indianapolis joining together every summer for the Indianapolis - Scarborough Peace Games, alternating locations. Every other year the Scarborough team would board some 17 busses and head off for Indy to compete in events ranging from soccer, swimming, track and field, and tennis to chess. Many lasting friendships were made, our family most fortunate in staying with the Fricks who still keep in touch. Back then crossing the border was not difficult except one year when the custom officer for some unknown reason asked for a second piece of identification. The best my wallet could produce was a "Loyal Listener" card from the radio station C.F.R.B., which, to further my considerable discomfort, was clearly stamped "temporary" at that.

There will be a benefit dance and mini auction for Rose Isaacson and Sam Gaudet this Saturday, February 10 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Legion hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary and the Kinmount Legion. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Bruce Newman will be your D.J. for this special evening and lunch will be provided.

More happenings at the Legion take place the following day Sunday, February 11, when the Joyce Bacon Memorial Mixed Dart Tournament takes place. This event will be held downstairs at the Legion with registration at 10:30 a.m. and darts starting at 11 a.m.

Have you invited your Valentine to the Kinmount Minor Sports Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 17 at the Galway Hall? Dance to live music featuring Bobby Watson from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and enjoy a light lunch and the door prizes to be won. This age-of-majority event is sponsored by Kinmount Independent Grocer and the Galway Hall Committee. Tickets are available at the grocery store or at the door. The cost is \$10 with proceeds going to the new recreation centre project presently under active consideration. This is another great opportunity to have a fun-filled evening and also support your community volunteer initiatives.

Local artist Brenda Mulholland will be offering a workshop, Drawing Fundamentals, on Tuesday, February 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. sponsored by the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild. The fee for the workshop to be held at the Kinmount Artisans



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Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

January 30 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Sandy Poulton and John Fortune at 329 with Connie Sawyer and Dorene Elstone second at 299. In third spot were June Fortune and Laura Carnegie at 252 while Bob Clark and Lorna Burtch had the afternoon's low of 140. Best wishes go out to Shirley Alderton from her many friends.

January 30 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Jean Scadden reports that Pat Roussel led the high scores at 327 then Albert Foster 298 and Gala Stamp 266. Moonshots went to Helen Henderson, Isobel Cherwenka, Georgina Parkes and Pat Roussel with Elli Langpohl, Kevin Maloney, Yetta Ezard and Helen Henderson holding hidden scores.

January 30 euchre at Lochlin: High scores were recorded by Gerald Hicks and Gala Newell while Gene Newell and Pearl Cowen tallied up the evening's lows. Harold Harvie took the lone hand honours and Gerald Hicks was double lucky also winning the special draw.

January 31 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South Joan Galley and our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher were first at 66% with Stella McMillan and Ross Davies second at 50%. Over in East/West Reet Murray and Pat Hannah led at 60% followed by Bruce Armstrong partnered with Jack Cox at 54%.

January 31 bid euchre at Stanhope: The moonshot quartet members were Helen Windsor, Jack Cox, Lottie Ruttan and Kevin Maloney, Len Kroes topped the whites at 315 with Norm Mark 281 second and Jack Cox 276 third. Pink power was with Helen Windsor at

308 then Barbara Robitaille 240 and Trudy Kroes 236.

February 1 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Helen Skelding and Bob Cleverly with our reporter May Bradbury and Kevin Maloney recording the high scores. Lois Adamson and Ron Morrison took the evening's lows while Don Hicks, Ron Morrison, Linda Hopkins, Leroy Mowat and Kevin Maloney won the other prizes.

February 2 bid euchre at Club 35: Single moonshots went to Pearl Cowen and Dick Coffey with Pat Scadden taking two and Norm Mark holding the hidden score. Pearl Cowen led the pinks at 330 then Jean Scadden 246 and Marj Coffey 240 third. First for the whites was Pat Scadden 321 with Bev Swick next at 294 and Garth Windsor 246 third.

February 2 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: June Branning reports that Gala Stamp won for high hands, Elaine Yeo for low hands and Pat Bailey for both lone hands and the special prize.

February 2 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Muriel McIntosh and Rodd Davies were first at 60% followed by Sue Pethick and Ross Fletcher at 56% and Joan Galley partnered with Elva Robinson at 55%.

February 3 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots landed on Albert Foster, Rob Evans, Theres Deak and our reporter Gala Stamp who also won a draw along with Tom Grix and Bev Johnson. Kevin Maloney was first for the whites at 297 with Rob Evans next at 264 and Albert Foster 248 third. For the pinks Thersa Deak led at 305 then Margaret Fletcher 260 and Jean Scadden 248.

February 5 cribbage at Minden Legion: The top trio members in order were Jean Scadden, Lorna Hicks and Gwen Cox. Gwen also won a draw prize along with Bob Cleverly. Thanks to Pat Scadden for his update.

February 5 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Jeanne Keliele and Lorna Hicks with Jeanne also winning a draw along with Pearl Cowen. The high score holders were Verna McDonald and Ken Rowden while Gwen Cox and our reporter Bill Mosley had the afternoon's lows.

February 5 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports a good turnout on hand to see Perry Peacock win for high hands, Olive Daniels for lone hands, Doreen French for low hands and Bev Johnson for the special prize.

February 5 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Leading the scoring was Phyllis Windsor at 268 with Karen Rivait 256 second and Mildred St. Thomas 236 third. Mildred also had a moonshot along with Tom Grix and Ron Morrison won the special draw. Thanks to Theresa Deak for this update.

February 5 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Cliff Davison with Colleen Davison taking high lady honours. Norm Mark was high man while the evening's lows were recorded by Linda Voycey and Ray Sisson. Helen Windsor won the bologna and husband Garth called in the results with his usual touch of good humour.

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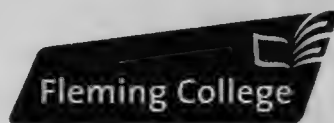
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A mandatory site visit is scheduled for Tuesday
February 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot,
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Attention computer newbies: this is for you

Do computers confuse you? The Dorset Community Access Program is offering free one-on-one computer instruction at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Time is short to take advantage of the free one-on-one computer instruction at the Dorset Community Access Program at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Internet facilitator and teacher extraordinaire Karra Jordan still has appointments available to assist you with all your computer and Internet related questions. Several people have taken advantage of this great program and have learned how to do a myriad of things such as create spreadsheets and work with data in Excel, manage, print and email digital photos, set up email accounts, create contact lists, scan documents, send attachments and more!

Karra's contract ends on February 28 so don't miss out. Give Karra a call at 766-9968 Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m..

Community Care Haliburton County announces "Seniors in Haliburton - Telling Our Stories". If you are a senior over the age of 70 living in Haliburton County, Community Care would like to hear your stories. Grade 12 students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be matched up with seniors to interview, record and write the seniors' stories. The stories will be published as an anthology and recorded on a CD for distribution across the county. For more information about this exciting intergenerational program, please contact Shelley King at 705-448-8889. This project is funded by a New Horizon's grant.

The next Book Club meeting at the Dorset library is on Wednesday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m.. The theme is to read a biography of your choice. For more information, contact Ruth at the Dorset Branch at 766-9969 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.,



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m..

Organizers of the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Annual Poker Rally and St. Valentine's Dance wish to advise the public that they have had to CANCEL this year's event slated for February 10 at Camp Dorset due to the lack of snow needed for trail grooming and poor lake conditions.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing Meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome.

The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival takes place on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17. Lots of great activities and entertainment are planned to go ahead "No Matter The Weather". Have a look at www.dorset-snowball.com for a list of events. The Snowball brochure will show up in your mailbox sometime this week.

Would you like to help at the Carnival? It's a great way to get involved and meet people in your community! Give the Dorset Recreation Centre a call at 766-9968 for more information.

Is anyone interested in volunteering with the fire department to help at the Snowball Pancake Breakfast in the morning or Fast Food in the afternoon? If so, please give Barb a call at 766-2108.

There will be a Maple Syrup - Operations and Opportunities presentation at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, February 19. The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes topics such as Principles and Practices of Sugar Bush Management and Forest Health Update, Equipment and Techniques, From Buckets to Tubing. There will be guest speakers

from the MNR, Atkinson Maple Syrup Supplies, Albert Emes and the day also includes a field trip to the Emes Family Sugarbush. A wonderful lunch of pancakes and sausages is included and the cost for the day is \$20 per person. For more information or to register, please call Mike Walsh (MNR Bracebridge) at 705-646-5530 or Nicole Tuyten (MNR Minden) at 705-286-5206.

Your library has a computer database that can make searching for books fun and easy. Type in www.haliburton.canlib.ca to access your electronic library on the web. The library catalogue has a quick search using words or phrases, authors, titles or subjects. The entire Haliburton County Public Library system can be picked or it can be narrowed down to the branch of your choice. When the title of interest comes up the database will show how many copies are available, the branches they are in or if they are on order or at

the bindery. By clicking details, there is often a look inside section to read an excerpt, reviews or a summary of the book. Requests can be done by clicking on the request material button and then interlibrary loan. Updated best seller lists, such as Publishers Weekly are a click away as are lists of prize winning books. There is a fountain of information at your fingertips at www.haliburton.canlib.ca. Try it today!

Birthday wishes for the week of February 4 to 10 go out to Mark Kearhey, Anja Hendrikson, Libby Timbers, Julie Mealus, Gail Hope and Happy Anniversary to Marian and Bruce Frieday and Darlene and Yvon Chatelain. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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NOTICE

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider a By-law respecting Permits and related matters under the Building Code Act, as amended. The by-law will be considered at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on February 22nd, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Information outlining the proposed fees will be available at no charge from the Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden or on the Township's website, www.minden.on.ca

Presentations regarding the proposed fee increase will be heard at 9:00 a.m. and you are asked to register as a delegation with the Clerk (705) 286-1260 ext. 214.

Fraser MacDonald, CBCO
Building/Planning Departments



Corporation of the Township of
Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. Michael McKeon
Part Lot 15 Concession 3, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 3, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 3, geographic Township of Stanhope described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 15 Concession 3 more particularly described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-8469.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 15th day of February 2007 at 10:00 a.m. and at that time, the Council will be assisted by its/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person claiming that his land will be prejudicially affected by the By-Law is to be heard.

Dated: January 10, 2007

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM 1
Municipal Clerk - Planning Administrator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd., RR # 2
Minden, ON
K0M 2K0
Tel: (705) 489-2379
Fax: (705) 489-3491
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Kevin Hill,
Road Superintendent.
(705) 286-3114

Notice to all Pit and Quarry Operators and Landowners Public Information Session.

Effective January 1, 2007, the County of Haliburton, County of Hastings, Townships of South Algonquin, Addington Highlands North Frontenac, North Kawartha and the northern part of the Township of Galway Cavanagh and Harvey were designated under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA). This legislation requires that all new and existing quarry operations within these areas must apply for a Mining of Natural Resources MNR for a licence by June 30, 2007 and that all existing operations beyond this date

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Ministry of Natural Resources
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• **Feb. 7:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone welcome.

• **Feb. 7:** OEYC Minden - Wed., Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. Come & discover the joys & benefits of Infant Massage with Claire Sylvan from Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. To register call 286-1770.

• **Feb. 8 to April 26:** Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose - from 10-11 a.m. for parents with children 0 to 2.5 yrs. A 10 week program to learn rhymes, songs and stories in a relaxed environment at the OEYC Haliburton. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. Call 286-4625 to register.

• **Feb. 8:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info. call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

• **Feb. 9:** Haliburton County "Battle of the Titans" Huskie Oldtimers vs O.P.P./M.N.R. on Friday at the Dysart Arena, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tickets available at Baubles 'n' Bon, Bons & Outdoors Plus in Haliburton. Hockey at it's best? Fundraiser for Mexico Teen Mission Team.

• **Feb. 10:** Tall Pines Snowmobile Club, Dorset. **Please note:** The Poker Rally & St. Valentine's Dance Sched. for Feb. 10 had to be cancelled due to not enough snow on groomed trails & poor lake conditions.

• **Feb. 10:** Valentine Concert - Musical Theme. Sat., 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Maple Lake United Church. Light lunch after show. Free will offering.

• **Feb. 10 & Mar. 3:** Rainbow Rounds Dance Demonstration. Donations to Hospital Foundation (HHHSF). Ballroom style dancing done by Bonnie & Dave Mowat. At the high school gym, 7-9 p.m.

• **Feb. 11, 18 & 25:** Holy Land - Holy People. What it means to be a Christian, a Jew or a Muslim. Sun., Feb. 11: Children of Abraham, The Holy City; Sun., Feb. 18: The desert, The Word; Sun., Feb. 25: Covenant & Reality, The Living Spirit. At Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden. Light refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. and the film will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Each session will end at 3 p.m. No charge. Pre-registration is required, please call Bonnie Fleischaker at 286-6141. For 13 years and up.

• **Feb. 11:** Highlands Male Chorus presents its annual concert "Wintermission" at Northern Lights Pavilion, Sun., Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Tickets available at Kitchen Etcetera, Haliburton & Pharmasave in Minden. For info call 754-2999.

• **Feb. 13:** Parent Talk Time - Gain tips & tricks for dealing with concerns around biting, hitting, whining and tantrums in your preschooler. Join Bev Jackson for this informal time at the OEYC Haliburton from 10:30 to 11:30. Call 457-2989 for info.

• **Feb. 14:** The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Doors open at 6, speaker at 7 p.m. (Please enter by the back door.) Everyone welcome - No charge. Refreshments available. Call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225

• **Every day a new picture** of Haliburton County, and sometimes beyond. Just visit www.jackbush.my-expressions.com. every day. A great reminder of why we all love living right here.

• **Thursdays in February:** Join us for Fun & Fitness circles at the Minden OEYC from 10:30 to 11:30 as we stretch, dance & become yoga animals

• **Adult Badminton:** Mondays 8 - 10 p.m. Now until May 28/07 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765 for further information.

• **Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about Art and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.

• **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.

• **Recreational Squash:** Thursday evenings Jan. 11 to Mar. 22 beside Haliburton Arena from 7-9 p.m. (Students half price) Beginners welcome anytime! Raquets available - free lessons. Call 457-2862 for cost or info.

• **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.

• **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.

• **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.

• **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Call Ida at 457-2941 for more info.

• **Al-Anon Meetings** - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Calling all writers

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre, in collaboration with the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network, are calling for submissions for a literary anthology entitled Liaisons.

This special collectors' edition, commemorating the inaugural year of R.D. Lawrence Place, will contain fiction, non-fiction, poetry and monologues. Works will be selected by a panel of judges and will be published along with several excerpts from Lawrence's books.

R.D. Lawrence was a dedicated mentor, and Liaisons will provide an opportunity for publishing credits and exposure for emerging and established writers.

The new building at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be an interactive learning facility, a writers' centre and a gathering place dedicated to fostering a love of reading, promoting the art of writing and deepening the respect for Canada's natural heritage. It will celebrate the life and philosophies of R.D. Lawrence - journalist, author and naturalist - who published over 30 books in 26 countries and in 15 different languages.

Copies of the anthology will be awarded to all whose works are included. Single use rights only are requested for the purpose of this volume. Profits from the sale

of the book will go to the R.D. Lawrence Place Building Fund.

Submissions must be sent by e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word to gallery@minden.on.ca and copied to pauline.l.johnson@sympatico.ca.

New and previously published works (for which the author has copyright) will be accepted. Works should be related to the theme "Achieving a natural harmony."

Works such as an exciting outdoor adventure, quest, or journey, a tale of compassion involving an animal(s), a natural discovery or source of inspiration, a bonding experience in a natural setting, a spiritual revelation in a natural setting, or something important to Canada's natural heritage are all examples of the kinds of works to be included in the anthology.

The deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

More detailed guidelines for submissions* are available on the website of The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network at www.hhwen.org, and more information about R.D. Lawrence is available at www.crywild.com.

Part II of The R.D. Lawrence Festival, Creative Communications, will be launched in April 2007 with a deadline in the fall.

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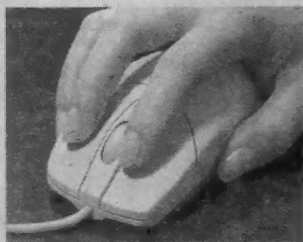


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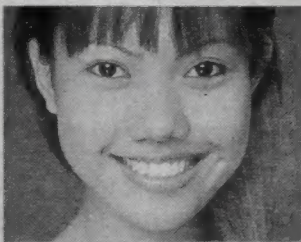
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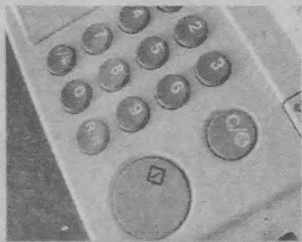
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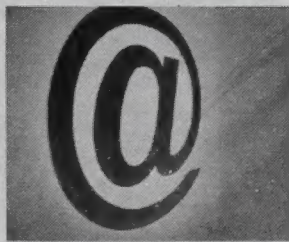
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- Dorothy Strype

Thank You - The 6th annual Christmas Spirit Family Dinner and Party was held at the Pepper Mill Family Restaurant, Dec. 17th, 2006. In the spirit of Christmas the generosity of many have made this event a blessing to all who came and enjoyed, and to those who helped. Approx. 155 guests plus drivers, and helpers enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner beautifully presented and served at tables reserved for each family group. Thank you to Greg and Lisa Turner for your inspiration and facilities, to the staff of the Pepper Mill and their families, and the Anglican Parishes of Minden-Kinmount and St. George's Haliburton. Volunteer drivers from 3 churches. This year includes Haliburton United. Thank you John Menzies for sharing your gift of music. Branch 636 seniors with gifts for the children and from Victoria Haliburton Deanery Council. Thank you all at Minden Food Bank, Haliburton 4C's, Lakeview Baptist and Haliburton United Churches and County Social Services for distributing the invitations, kitchen staff volunteers and volunteer drivers, Skore Food Services, Gorman's Distributing, IGA Minden and all financial assistance. Thanks again to all the beautiful people who helped and all the beautiful people who came. God's blessings to all.

Thank You! To Jan, Wendy, Al, K&M Davis, and everyone who offered help after our mishap January 27th. We (and the van) are fine! - Laurie & Ross

Thank You Also To My Family & Friends who planned & attended my 50th party; also for the gifts, cards & phone calls. - Ross Burk

Deaths

FRENCH, Sharon - (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, January 30, 2007 in her 60th year. Beloved wife of Donald French of Haliburton. Loving mother of Laura & Trish. Dear sister of Ann, Jean (Phil) and Robert (Tilda). Predeceased by her brother Ted and her brother-in-law Dan. Also remembered by her nieces Tracey & Christine and nephews Jason & Bob and great niece Maya and great nephew Logan

Graveside Service

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WALKER, Russell Alexander - Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Monday, January 29, 2007, in his 82nd year.

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Our love for him, his love for us
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Love from,
- his wife Pat and family

PORTER, Bill

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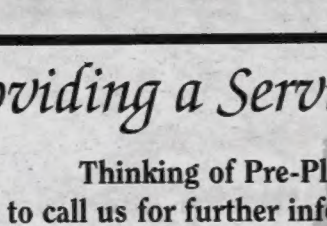
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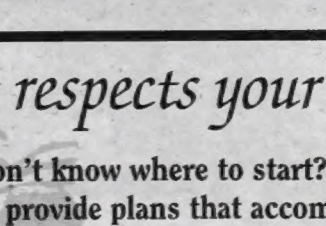
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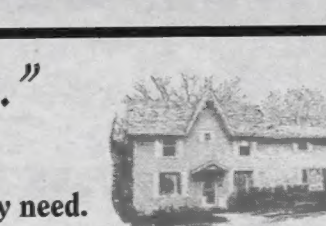
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Clear Lake: Year round access to a 4 season cottage. Beautiful clear deep water. Cottage offers stone FP w/insert, propane stove, 3 bdrms, new deck.
Call Lynda Litwin

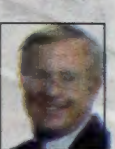


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\$249,900

Wilbermore Lake (Deeded Access): Screened gazebo off deck to large in-ground swimming pool! 4 bdrms., 2 baths, many upgrades incl. wood floors, kit., CAD 5 internet/cable most rms, double car/shop det., single gar. att., & large finished bsmt. Manicured lot w/raised perennial, vegetable & herb gardens, & a pond finish this park like picture!
Call Richard Moritz



Richard Moritz*
457-1011



\$74,500

Riverfront Building Lot: Great building lot in nice Sub Division, area of nice homes, 230 feet of river frontage, 3 lake chain, close to stores, and golf course.
Call Erin Nicholls



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\$229,000

West Lake: 3 season, 3 bedroom cottage, year round access. Nicely treed.
Call Karen Nimigon

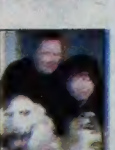


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\$129,900

Affordable Cottage Living: Great one bedroom plus loft cottage on Haliburton County's 5 lake chain. Loads of extras included. Great sunsets. Easy living. Good times await. All this for \$129,900.
Call Tom & Gail Tempest



Tom & Gail Tempest**
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\$179,900

Green Lake: Boat, swim, or fish the 3-lake chain of Maple, Green, and Pine from this cozy 3 bdrm yr. rnd. waterfront home/cottage. Features include: large picture windows, large screened porch, heated water line, hi-eff. oil furnace, sandy beach. Close to Golf & Sir Sam's skiing.
Call Elizabeth Thompson



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
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\$160,000

Minden - 13 Newcastle St.: Corner commercial property & 960 sq. ft. office, 66 ft. x 75 ft. lot. County & Registry office across street - freshly renovated, reception area plus 4 offices. New heating & air conditioning, partial basement for storage.
Call Ted Vasey

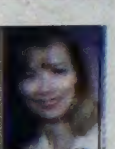


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\$69,900

Haliburton By The Lake: Buy now & build in the spring. This 1/2 acre lot in the Haliburn subdivision has 133 ft. of frg. and is on a quiet dead end street. Call for more details. Access to Head Lake.
Call Melanie Vigrass



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